



LCC Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy

Minutes

December 18, 2019

Members present:

Rep. Jeff Brand
Sen. Chris Eaton
Sen. Kent Eken
Rep. Peter Fischer
Rep. Josh Heintzeman
Rep. Todd Lippert
Rep. John Poston
Rep. Paul Torkelson
Sen. Bill Weber
Sen. Chuck Wiger

Members excused:

Sen. Rich Draheim
Sen. Michael Goggin

Rep. Fischer called the meeting of the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy to order at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 10 of the State Office Building. A quorum was present.

Sen. Eaton moved to approve Subcommittee Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2019.

Motion carried.

A DNR Response to EAW petition, Pinelands' Sands was provided by Randall Doneen, MN DNR.

We had several presenters regarding irrigation- Pinelands Sands. They were:

Keith Olander, Dean of Agricultural Studies, Central Lakes College
Tim Nolte, Farmer, Irrigator
Brian Roth, Farmer, Irrigator

Jim Stark provided his Director's Report.

Sen. Wiger moved to have Mr. Stark draft bills regarding the following:

Topic 2C: Incentives for Healthy Soil
Topic 3D: Safe and Sustainable Drinking Water for the future
Topic 5D: Reduce the over-use of salt: protect our lakes, rivers and groundwater
Topic 5E & 6B: Encourage efficient wastewater and storm water technology and treatment
Topic 6C: Improve Minnesota's Water Infrastructure

Motion carried.

Dr. Karen Gran, UMD presented Keeping Water on the Land, Water Storage.

Rob Sip, Red River Watershed Management Board also presented Keeping Water on the Land, Water Storage, particularly as it relates to the Red River.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.